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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: ZIMBABWE DEVELOPMENT FUND: APPROACH TO GOF

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1. BRITISH CHARGE AND AMERICAN ACTING DCM MADE JOINT DEMARCHE TO APPROPRIATE LEVEL MFA (GUY GEORGY, DIRECTOR, AFRICAN AFFAIRS) ON AUGUST 31, PRESENTING HIM WITH COPIES OF THE DOCUMENT "PROPOSALS FOR A SETTLEMENT IN RHODESIA," AN AIDE MEMOIRE WITH THE "SPEAKING NOTES" IN REFTEL, AND ANNEX C TO THE BRITISH WHITE PAPER TO BE PUBLISHED ON SEPTEMBER 1.

2. GEORGY INDICATED GOF FULL SUPPORT IN PRINCIPLE TO PROPOSALS.

3. IN DISCUSSION OF ZIMBABWE DEVELOPMENT FUND, DURING WHICH POINTS IN PARAS 7, 8 AND 9 OF REFTEL WERE MADE, HE RECOGNIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF ITS INCLUSION AS PART OF PLAN BUT DID NOT RPT NOT MAKE ANY FIRM COMMITMENTS ON PART OF GOF.

4. GEORGY ALSO MADE POINT THAT CREATING FUND FOR ZIMBABWE WOULD ENCOURAGE OTHER AFRICAN NATIONS TO CLAIM DISCRIMINATION AND TO REQUEST SUCH FUNDS FOR THEMSELVES. WITH A GALlic SHRUG, HE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT SUCH A REACTION WAS INEVITABLE AND SIMPLY HAD TO BE EXPECTED AND ACCEPTED.

5. CONTINUING ON SUBJECT OF FUND, GEORGY SAID FRENCH HAD SOME DIFFICULTY WITH ITS PRESENTATION, SINCE, CONFIDENTIAL

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APART FROM CONCERNS OF OTHER BLACK AFRICAN COUNTRIES, THERE WAS SPECIAL FRENCH PROBLEM WITH FORMER COLONISTS FROM ALGERIA AND INDO-CHINA WHICH THEY WOULD HAVE TO EXAMINE CAREFULLY.

6. WITH RESPECT TO PRESENT STATE OF DISCUSSIONS IN AFRICA, GEORGY INDICATED HE THOUGHT IT VERY IMPORTANT THAT THERE HAD BEEN AS YET NO ABRUPT CUT-OFF BY ANY AFRICAN LEADER. HE PHILOSOPHIZED THAT SMITH IS A MAJOR OBSTACLE, BUT SMITH IS THERE, AND AN EVOLUTIONARY SOLUTION IS WHAT IS NEEDED, WHICH IS WHAT PROPOSAL SEEMS TO REPRESENT.
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